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Applicant: Rainer FISCHER et al. Conf.: 1798
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For: MOLECULAR PATHOGENICIDE MEDIATED PLANT
DISEASE RESISTANCE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 19, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 19, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 18-42 are pending in the present application.

1) The Examiner first restricts the claims into the following groups.

A. Claims 1-14, 18-20, 29, 36 and 38-42 wherein the binding domain portion of the fusion protein (a) recognizes an epitope of a plant virus;